for supplying medicines to the various CGHS units as per details given below:—

(i) M/s. Kendriya Bhandar for supplying local purchase medicines. to the CGHS Medical Stores Depot, New Delhi and the CGHS Medical Centre at Parliament House Annexe.

(ii) M/s. Satyawati Drugs and Departmental Stores for supplying local purchase medicines to the CGHS units at Timarpur, Kingsway Camp and Rajpur Road.

(d) In view of (b) and (c) above, the question does not arise.

Vacancies in Safdarjung Hospital

268. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vacancies in medical and non-medical categories of Safdarjung Hospital have not been filled up for a long time;

(b) if so, the number thereof separately, and what is the reason therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have been directed by the Delhi High Court to immediately fill up the vacancies; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Due to the instructions of the Government, the Department of Personnel and Training *vide* their O.M. No. 2/8/2001-PIC dated 16-5-2001, prescribing a limit that the Direct Recruitment can be resorted only against 1-3rd of the vacancies arising in a year subject to a further ceiling of 1% of the total sanctioned strength, this Department is not in a position to fillup all the vacancies in medical and various non-medical categories in various Government hospitals including Safdarjung Hospital.

As it has been found difficult to apply these instructions for vacancies in Health Sector, Department of Health has already taken up the matter

at the highest level seeking exemption of technical/scientific posts from the purview of the DOPT instructions dated 16-5-2001 so that the shortage of manpower is met.

In pursuance of the direction of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in WP No. 10697/040-Court on its own motion *Vs* UOI& SJ Hospital, the Ministry of Health & Fw *vide* their order No. C. 18018/23/04-H dated 9-11-04 has constituted an Expert Committee which shall examine the problems of patients, medical staff and also suggest remedical measures. The matter is subjudice.

NCW's suggestions on population policy

269. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission for Women (NCW) expressed their concern over the cohesive population policy of Government;

(b) if so, the complete details of the NCW's suggestions on the population policy; and

(c) action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government on the suggestions of the NCW?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Substandard medicines of M/s Kooper Pharma, Delhi

270. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of medicines manufactured by M/s Kooper Pharma, Delhi were found to be substandard;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir as